

Indiana mental Health and Addiction Professionals

Loan Repayment Assistance FAQs 3/1/2017

Question	Answer
Eligibility	
1. The eligibility requirements refer to “recent employee” and “recent graduate”. Can you define the term “recent”?	A recent employee: someone who has accepted employment or been promoted to an eligible mental health profession between January 2014 to present. Recent graduate: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) 2012-2017 for Addiction Psychiatrists, Psychiatrists and Psychologists. (2) 2014-2017 for all other professions
2. Eligible Professions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addiction Counselors 2. Addiction Psychiatrists 3. Mental Health Professionals 4. Psychiatric Nurses 5. Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners 6. Psychiatrists 7. Psychologists
Application and Documents	
3. How do I apply for the loan repayment assistance program?	Enrollment for 2017 will be done electronically through the Loan Repayment Assistance Program website. It is IMPORTANT that you read and understand the NEW application process and FAQs before you begin the online application.
4. How do I save my documents?	All documents must be saved in .pdf format prior to starting the online application and named using the first 4 letters of your last name + first 4 letters of your first name + the last 4 of your social. Example: Jonathan Smith (smitjona1234) In case either of your names is short it must be 8 characters + last 4 of your social. Please refer to the application process in the Program Overview to name specific documents.
5. Can I save my application and pick up where I left off?	No. The application does not have a save option. You will have to complete the application in one sitting which will take approximately 30 minutes or start over from the beginning when you return to it.
6. Do I need to submit original transcripts sealed from the school?	No. Transcripts obtained from the student portal are acceptable. Sealed transcripts are not required. May 2017 graduates must submit transcripts no later than June 30, 2017.
7. Does my employer have to service low poverty clients or be located in an underserved population for me to qualify?	No, your employer does not have to be located in an underserved demographic. However, applicants working in underserved areas will receive priority consideration.
8. Can my employer sign the employment verification form?	Yes, your employer or its HR representative can sign the employment verification form. Please print this form and submit to your employer prior to starting the application.
9. How do I get my loan statements?	Please contact your lender(s) to request a loan statement that includes name & address of lender,

	account #, original balance, current balance, outstanding balance and monthly payment amount for each lender.
Awards	
10. Is the repayment assistance determined by a percentage of what I pay?	The selection committee will utilize an evaluation tool to determine awards. Your income and loan debt among other factors will be considered in the final determination.
11. How much are the awards and how are they calculated?	The awards may be up to 25 percent of your student loan debt but not to exceed \$25,000 per year, for no more than four years. The exception is for an addiction psychiatrist who can apply for assistance up to five years. An evaluation tool will be used by the selection committee to determine eligibility and the award amount which are contingent on funding availability.
12. Will participation in other loan forgiveness programs make me ineligible?	No, but you will need to indicate the amount awarded and subtract it from the overall loan debt as well as inform the other programs of your award.
Residency and Education	
13. Can I accept a new position with my current employer and meet the requirements?	Yes, if you meet all other requirements i.e. new graduate.
14. I am practicing in Indiana but live in another state. Am I eligible?	No, the eligibility requirement indicates you must move to Indiana to establish a practice.
15. Please clarify if a non-Indiana resident can qualify for this program if accepting a new mental health position.	A non-Indiana resident may qualify if moving to Indiana to establish a practice (per statute). Conversely, an Indiana resident may also be considered if establishing a new practice within the aforementioned timeframes.
16. I am currently working on internship but will have full time employment after graduation. Do I qualify?	Only if an employment verification form is submitted prior to the award notification date will your application be considered. If not, you will have to reapply at a later date.
17. Can a person in school to obtain licensure or will soon obtain licensure qualify for this program?	The term new graduate is referring to a person who has completed a degree program as specified within the application timeframe.
18. What degree programs are considered?	The degree programs or disciplines considered include Psychiatrist, Addiction Psychiatrist, Psychiatric Nurse (including Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners), Psychologist, HSPP, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, LSW or LAC. Additionally, you must be licensed or on track to obtain licensure and working in an integrated primary and behavioral healthcare setting.